

House Resolution No. 364

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take tremendous pride in acknowledging events which honor Show-Me State natives who brought tremendous distinction to themselves, this state, and this nation through excellence in their chosen fields of endeavor; and

Whereas, the first annual General Omar Nelson Bradley Symposium and Banquet took place on the anniversary of the General's birth, February 12, 2002, in Moberly thanks in large measure to the stellar contributions of the meeting's sponsors, which included the Moberly Rotary Club, Randolph County Historical Society, Moberly High School Student Senate, and Moberly High School Leadership Development Class; and

Whereas, born in rural Randolph County between the towns of Clark and Higbee on February 12, 1893, Omar Nelson Bradley earned the nickname, "The Soldier's General", because of his lifelong interest in the welfare and well-being of those under his command; and

Whereas, noted as a strategist and tactician of unparalleled knowledge and skills, General Omar Bradley spearheaded Allied efforts in Africa, Italy, France, and Germany during World War II before becoming the first Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff when the Department of Defense was organized in August 1949; and

Whereas, the last of the five-star Generals, Omar Bradley died in retirement on April 8, 1983, immediately after receiving an award in New York City from the National Science Foundation; and

Whereas, the first annual General Omar Nelson Bradley Symposium and Banquet attracted an impressive array of figures intimately involved with the General's life, including speaker John W. (Jack) Vessey, Jr., Army General and the tenth Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; artist Jim Brothers, sculptor of numerous portraits of General Bradley and other twentieth century warriors; and noted Truman impersonator Niel Johnson, former Truman Library historian:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the hard work, detailed planning, and exemplary coordination by all of those involved in the first annual General Omar Bradley Symposium and Banquet and to convey this legislative body's heartiest congratulations to the sponsoring organizations for the resounding success of this initial event and our best wishes for many more to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to acknowledge the inaugural General Omar Nelson Bradley Symposium and Banquet held in Moberly, Missouri, on February 12, 2002.

Offered by _____
Representative Nancy Copenhaver
District No. 22

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 364, adopted February 25, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

